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1. The Soviet steamship Murmansk was observed south of the Oderbank (Oder River shoals) on a southwesterly course on 13 July 1950. * The ship's first and second hatches had built-in hatchways. Numerous Soviet soldiers were seen aboard the steamship, most of whom were standing on the aft deck and on the hatch covers.
2. The Murmansk was received at the Oderbank by seven Soviet motor minesweepers which had come from the direction of Swinemunde (53°55' N/14°16' E). The motor minesweepers had consecutive number designations from T-657 to T-663. **
3. The Murmansk was again sighted off Cape Arkona (54°11' N/13°26' E) on 22 July 1950, heading west. The hatchways on the hatch covers and the Soviet troops were not observed.

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* Comment. Probably the 6,850-ton Soviet merchant ship Murmansk, ex-Empire Starlight which docked at Antwerp, Belgium, from 23 to 25 July 1950, having come from Leningrad. The troops on the Murmansk probably disembarked in Swinemunde.

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Comment. Motor minesweepers [REDACTED] have not been previously observed in Swinemunde. They probably belong to a flotilla which has been assigned to the Swinemunde naval base since the summer of 1950.

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